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OFFICERS

S. B. DOBBS ..... *Moderator*
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Next place of meeting, Longview Church, Oktibbeha County on Aberdeen branch of I. C. Railroad.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, G. D. Weatherall; Alternate, B. C. McGarrity.

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J. J. RAY	*Tom Nolen*
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JOHNNIE SIMPSON	*Longview*
J. T. RAY	*Maben*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Missions—H. L. Rhodes, H. L. Carter, Will Edwards.

Systematic Giving—J. R. Nutt, W. F. Call, Billy Graves.

Sunday Schools—F. R. Burney, Jim M. Black and D. P. Franke.

Mississippi College and Ministerial Education—J. C. Phillips, Dr. A. F. Richardson, Alton Adams.

Publication—L. M. Adams, B. C. McGarity, E. Snow.

Temperance—N. Q. Adams, Dr. J. M. Kellin, R. M. Cotton.

Sustentation—W. A. Taylor, Lonnie Fox, Sam Dyer.

Obituaries—R. A. Eddleman, Jerry Power, R. L. Black.

Orphanage—J. R. W. Foster, Y. E. Perry, Dr. Alva Reed.

Nominations—J. H. D. Watson, C S. Bowles, Jesse Weeks.

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9. Report on Mississippi Colleges and Ministerial Education.
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HISTORICAL TABLE

Date	Place	Introductory Sermon	Moderator	Clerk
1892	Chester	Organization	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1893	Fellowship	J. H. D. Watson	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1894	Bear Creek	H. M. Long	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1895	Bethlehem	W. H. H. Fancher	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1896	Providence	Chas. H. Lewis	N. Q. Adams	J. R. W. Foster
1897	Pleasant Ridge	David Burney	W. H. H. Fancher	J. R. W. Foster
1898	Bluff Springs	G. S. Jenkins	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1899	Mount Pisgah	M. L. Oswalt	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1900	Beulah	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1901	Ackerman	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1902	Poplar Creek	T. J. Bailey	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1903	Spring Hill	W. H. H. Fancher	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1904	Clear Springs	N. Q. Adams	W. H. H. Fancher	S. B. Dobbs
1905	Self Creek	J. K. Thornton	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1906	Ebenezer	R. A. Eddleman	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1907	Blythe Creek	H. L. Rhodes	N. Q. Adams	S. B. Dobbs
1908	Mount Moriah	J. R. Nutt	S. B. Dobbs	G. D. Weatherall

PROCEEDINGS.

The Chester Baptist Association met in its sixteenth annual session with Mt. Moriah Church, at ten o'clock a. m., October 3, 1908, the congregation singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The Moderator read the 34th Psalm, after which was led in prayer by Bro. J. T. Sargent.

The Moderator appointed G. A. Eddleman, D. P. Franks and J. T. Howard, Finance Committee; and H. L. Rhodes and F. R. Burney, Reading Clerks.

On motion the reading of church letters was dispensed with and H. L. Rhodes and F. R. Burney were appointed a committee on digest of church letters.

The association then went into permanent organization. S. B. Dobbs was elected Moderator and G. D. Weatherall, Clerk. W. A. Taylor was appointed Clerk pro tem till Bro. Weatherall came in.

Petitioning letters were called for. None.

On call for correspondence there were present T. J. Fowler, D. E. McCool, H. M. Whitten, M. W. Rhodes and Bro. Ramsey from the Kosciusko Association, Bro. T. J. Sargent from the Louisville Association.

Returned correspondence: Kosciusko—Brethren Adams, Hendricks, Frazier, Burney, Robert Wade and W. A. Taylor; Louisville—Brethren Adams, Hendricks and Berry.

The report on systematic giving was taken up and is as follows:

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

In the mind of your committee there is no obligation more binding upon us as God's children or a command of our Lord to His disciples of greater importance than that of giving.

We give according to the demands of our civil law to the support of our government and according to the plan laid down in that law, and then we as children of God wholly ignore the command laid down in His word. In 1 Cor. 16:1-2 Paul says: "Now concerning the collection for the Saints as I have given order to the churches of Galatia even so do you. Upon the first day of the week let every

one lay by in store as God has prospered him." In Act 11: 29-30, "Then the disciples every man according to his ability determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea, which also they did and sent it to elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul. Can we, as followers of the meek and lowly Lamb be less loyal to Him who gave His life for us than to the demands of the law, God forbid."

Your committee recommends as much as lie in us the adoption of God's plan in all our churches, and an effort be made to reach every member and get all enlisted in the grace of giving.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. BURNEY.

After being discussed by F. R. Burney and J. R. Nutt was adopted.

The association then suspended business to hear the introductory sermon by J. R. Nutt, text: Luke 22:42. After which adjourned until two o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on devotional exercises, to-wit: The Pastor and Deacons of this church and Bros. A. B. Roberts, W. A. Taylor and B. C. McGarrity.

The report on missions was called for and is as follows:

MISSIONS.

Missions is the key note to the Christian religion, State Missions is the foundation work, and he who helps State Missions helps every good cause dear to the heart of our Lord. New lines of railroad are constantly opening new territory, both for the business man in all departments of work as well as for the preacher of the Gospel.

The spiritual interest must keep pace with material prosperity, and to do this requires an aggressive mission policy. To fail in this is to turn over the cause of evangelism to other people. In too many instances already have our Baptist interests suffered for our inability to be first on the field. There are cries from many, many places to which we must turn a deaf ear because of lack of funds We ought to have $828.64 a year where we spend $414.32.

The missionaries from our State have baptized 13,495

persons and have labored in meetings where there have been baptized by others 21,030, making our missionaries identified with the baptism of 34,625 persons. Has Chester Baptist a missionary in this noble number? "Then saith He unto His disciples, the harvest truly is plentious but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers unto His harvest." Matt. 9:37-38.

We must fortify more strongly if we would meet our obligations to the denomination at large and glorify God by future enlargements. We need to put forth strenuous efforts during the coming year to meet the ever increasing demands of the Board.

There are 36 Baptist Churches in our association, with a membership of 3,535 persons. This is doubtless the largest membership of any denomination of the county. The county, therefore, belongs to Baptists and we must claim our own. Our principles should be dear to every Baptist heart and to be earnestly contended for on every inch of Chester Baptist soil in both town and country; then let us be gentle but courageous in our contentions

Let our motto be to obtain a contribution from every member of our association. If each member would giev 50c for missions during this session it would amount to $1,767.50. We, the committee, beg leave to recommend the importance of taking and pushing the collection of each church quarterly insteal of putting the matter off until the close of the year.

"As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you, therefore, go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." John, 20:21. Mark, 16:13: "Therefore, the commands of our Lord is go and send. Some are to go and others are to send, so those of us who are not called to go as missionaries are called to send them who go. Give as the Lord hath prospered you." "More blessed to give than to receive."

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke, 6-38. Therefore, believing the new as well as the old Testament to teach the one-tenth method, we, your committee,

insist also that some plan be set forth in which every member can be reached by the one-tenth method.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. EDDLEMAN.

And after being discussed by R. A. Eddleman, F. R. Burney, H. M. Whitton, J. R. Nutt, J T. Sargent, J. E. Phillips, G. D. Weatherall and W. A. Taylor, was adopted.

On motion, J. P. Biggers and J. A. Coleman were seated as delegates from Clear Springs Church

The committee on devotional exercises made the following report:

Saturday Night:
N. Q. Adams at Dry Creek Schoolhouse.
H. M. Whitten, Grange Hall.
J. T. Sargent, at Church.

Sunday Morning at 11 o'clock:
J. R. Carter in grove.

Sunday, 2:30 p. m.:
H. L. Rhodes in house.
F. R. Burney in grove.

Sunday Night:
N. B. Wallace at Church.
T. J. Fowler at Grange Hall.
Ben Watson at Dry Creek.

The next place of meeting was then taken up.

Longview, Double Springs, Bethany and Mt. Pisgah were put in nomination and the vote taken which resulted in the selection of Longview.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The association came together by singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The Moderator read a part of the 15th chapter of Acts, and made a few very appropriate remarks, after which we were led in prayer by Bro. Hendricks.

L. M. Adams was seated as delegate from Ackerman Church. The Sunday School report was read, which is as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Christian world is practically united in the great Sunday School work. We have the same lessons every Sunday in all the Sunday Schools in all the different churches. We study the International Lessons, chosen and selected by

an International Committee taken from the various Christian denominations.

What means this wonderful unity on the part of the entire Christian world. It undoubtedly convinces us that the great leaders in Christian thought throughout the world see much in the Sunday School work.

The Sunday School is a factor for great good in every church that has one. Do you believe in studying God's word? Then you should have a Sunday School in your church because the only object of a Sunday School is that knowledge of God's great plan of salvation may be disseminated, and that the children and young people and older people and all who attend the school may learn more and more of the meek and lowly Jesus, and then after they have studied the Book, that they may accept Christ and be one of His.

The child that attends Sunday School and receives proper attention at the hands of his teacher is building on that sure foundation, and not many children who attend Sunday School regularly fail to become affiliated with the Church at a comparatively early age.

We cannot attach to much importance to the study of the Bible, and there is no other organization where there are such great opportunities for Bible study as in the Sunday School.

The State Convention Board realizing the great importance of the Sunday School work has Bro J. E. Byrd in the field organizing Sunday Schools where there are none and aiding all along the line in the advancement of this department of the Lord's work.

Your committee would recommend and urge that a Sunday School be organized in every church in this association that has none, and that churches that already have Sunday Schools will give more attention to their development and upbuilding.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. ADAMS, *Chairman.*

And after being spoken on by L. M. Adams, J. R. Carter, J. E. Phillips, J. R. Nutt, B C McGarity, T V. Fox, F. R. Burney and G. D. Weatherall, was adopted.

On motion, 1:30 p. m., was set for report on Orphanage. The association then repaired to the grove to hear a sermon by J. R. Carter. He read a part of the 4th chapter Romans and preached a strong and forceful sermon on the subject of Faith.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up for associational purposes amounting to $17.30.

On motion, adjourned for dinner.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Came together by singing, "Enough for Me." The report on Orphanage was then read, which is as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

Mississippi Baptists have cause to rejoice that they have such a splendidly equipped and well managed home for orphans. The property is worth, in money value, about $100,000.00, and, although, the home was built and endowed, principally, by some of the wealthy Baptists in the State, yet the property is now vested in the Baptist denomination, and each of us have an interest in it.

The Home has connected with it a farm, where the boys in the Home find profitable employment and training, and assist in sustaining the Home by producing corn, vegetables and other farm products; and a school where all the children of school age regularly attend school, and in this respect have equal advantages with other children.

During the past year there has been an average of 150 children in the Home, and their health has been good, only one having died.

The superintendent, Rev. J. R. Carter, is a noble, consecrated man of God, and takes a fatherly interest in each of his wards, looking after the spiritual interest of the children as well as their physical comfort and mental training.

The needs of the Home should be and will be supplied, and the call for help in this great work should touch the hearts and purses of each individual, whether he be church member or not, Christian or sinner, for if there is any cause which appeals to us as good citizens it is that we should look after the orphan. Who of you have been orphans? Then you should respond readily to the help of others, who, possibly, not so fortunate as you, have no else to look to for protection and support. Who of you know but that you may leave some of your dear ones as orphans? Then help build and sustain a home where they can go and receive kind treatment and good advantages in such event.

Each of us should hear the cry of the orphan and invest something, though it be a small amount, in the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, and this small amount placed in the current of benevolence and service will join with other

sums, and together will go on and on, and flow into and form a part of the great ocean of love for humanity, and will be a blessing to those for whose benefit the gift was made as well as to the giver.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. ADAMS,
C. M. SCROGGINS,
T. V. FOX,
Committee.

Rev. J. R. Carter, Superintendent, being present, spoke of the report in his usual pleasant and forcible way, telling all about how he managed his boys and girls and how well they "love 'lasses." At the close of his remarks a collection was taken which amounted to $38.40. The report was then adopted.

The Moderator then appointed W. A. Taylor, N. Q. Adams and T. V. Fox a committee on obituaries.

The association then adjourned until 9 o'clock, Monday a. m

MONDAY MORNING.

The congregation sung, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." Rev. N. Q. Adams read 116th Psalm and led in prayer.

Report on Mississippi College and ministerial education was then made, which is as follows:

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Baptists of Mississippi have every reason to be proud of Mississippi College. There isn't an institution in the South that has accomplished as much for the cause of Christ as Mississippi College. In almost every foreign field can be found a missionary telling the stroy of the cross to the heathen who obtained his education at this noble institution. Our contribution to the Endowment of Mississippi College is a contribution to Foreign Missions. The college has an Endowment of about one hundred thousand dollars and has just completed a campaign for seventy-five thousands to be used in buildings.

The Baptists of Mississippi should be proud of Mississippi College, not only for what it has done in the way of educating young preachers, but for the religious influence that it has over the large number of students who attend it every year. One of the most serious questions that confront fathers and mothers when they send their children away to

school is, "What kind of religious influence will be thrown around them?" The religious influence at Mississippi College is good. The records will show that about nine-tenths of the students attend Sunday School and more than that per cent. attend church regularly. This is a good showing when we take note of the fact that the college does not require this of the students. It is purely voluntary on the part of the students. The religious atmosphere is so wholesome that the hardest heart can hardly resist it. Many boys have gone there skeptical and have gone away devout Christians. This speaks well for the religious influence of the college. Parents should shun an institution tainted with skepticism as readily as they should a viper.

Mississsippi College is the place for our Baptist boys and especially for our young Baptist preachers. Fortunately for the denomination quite a number of our young preachers attend the college every session. A large number of these have to have assistance from the Board of Ministerial Education. There were in the College during last session sixty-two ministerial students. About forty-five of these received assistance from the Board. The donations received by the Board of Ministerial Education last year amounted to only $1,508. This was only a little over $1.00 a church. No church sent the Board as much as $100, and only two churches as much as $50. A great many churches that gave largely to Missions gave nothing to Ministerial Education. Your committee earnestly requests all the churches in the Chester Association to take a collection at once, or as soon as possible, for Ministerial Education.

The present session of Mississippi College opened September 30, with three hundred students and everything bids fair to be the most prosperous session in all the history of the institution. The faculty was never stronger than at present, and all the friends of the college are very buoyant as to the general prosperity of the work.

Your committee would call special attention to the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It is in this peerless institution that our young preachers receive their theological training. The trustees of the seminary are now making an effort to add six hundred thousand to the Endowment. Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry has been appointed financial secretary to raise this amount and is now going among the churches in Mississippi and so far has been heartily received by the brethren. The future of the Baptist denomina-

tion depends largely upon the way our churches stand by this institution.

God wants an educated ministry and the Bible teaches it. It may be true that God does not need our learning, but one thing is certainly true, and that is He does need our ignorance. Moses was "learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians." God selected Moses to write the first five books of the Bible. Paul was educated and was possibly the greatest scholar of his time. He wrote more books of the New Testament than any other writer. By the inspiration of his pen he taught young preachers the duty of reading and studying. His admonition to Timothy was, "Preach the Word," and no man can tell the "Wonderful Words of Life" without careful and prayerful study

Respectfully submitted,

J. R NUTT.

The report was discussed by J. R. Nutt and F. R. Burney. Pledges were then made for Ministerial Education by the following churches:

Ackerman	$25.00
Bear Creek	$15.00
Bethlehem	$10.00
Blythe Creek	$5.00
Beulah	$10.00
Bethany	$5.00
Bluff Springs	$5.00
French Camp	$20.00
Mt. Olivet	$5.00
Mt. Moriah	$5.00
Mt. Pisgah	$5.00
New Haven	$5.00
Pleasant Ridge	$10.00
Rhuhama	$5.00
Spring Hill	$5.00
Sturgis	$5.00
New Hope	$5.00
Self Creek	$5.00
Crape Creek	$5.00
Cypress	$5.00
Sister Burney	$2.50
Total	$162.50

The report was then adopted.

The report on Publication was read and is as follows:

PUBLICATIONS.

The United States today is one of the leading, if not the leading, nation of the world. She stands foremost from every viewpoint, and when compared with others as to progress made in a given time she stands head and shoulders above all the rest. Why is this true? Because her citizens are thinking people, and thinking people are those who read. Statistics show that a very large per cent. of our people read, and it is a recognized fact that we are influenced by what we read. This being a fact, it is then important that we be careful in the choice of our literature, and of what we recommend for others.

We are not inclined to look on the dark side of life, but still we feel free to offer some criticisms and sound a note of warning. We believe that the newspapers of this age, regardless of their political affiliation, are corrupt in their tendencies. This is not entirely the fault of the editors for it is natural for them to furnish what they know the people want. One remedy for this evil tendency is for the Christian people to draw the line, refuse to subscribe for and read the papers. But this cannot be done unless their is something better offered. The mind like the body requires food, and cannot grow and delevop without it.

We are glad that we in a position to recommend to the Baptists of the Chester Association something that if read will do them good. The Foreign Mission Journal will tell you all about our foreign missionaries, where they are and what they are doing. Read it and you will know what becomes of the money you contribute to foreign missions. The Home Field covers the work of the Home Mission Board. and many eyes that are now blind to the home work would be opened if the Home Field was read. The Orphanage Gem will keep you fully informed of our Baptist Orphanage, of its needs and what it is doing. There are a number of Baptist papers published within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, and they are all good. But, brethren, the paper that is best for you is The Baptist Record, published at Jackson, Miss., and edited by our own beloved brother, T. J. Bailey. This paper should be read by the Baptists of Mississippi because it represents the foreign work, the home work, the work of the State Mission Board, the Orphanage, Mississippi College, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and, in fact, every cause fostered by our State Convention. It tells

you about the evangelical work in the State and offers every assistance to this work. It tells about the deaths of our sainted brethren and sisters, and gives in glowing language the inspired testimonies of their acceptance with God. The Baptist Record is evangelical and thoroughly Baptist in its doctrine. If you read it, it will not only make you a better Christian, but also a better Baptist We recommend that all our Sunday Schools use the literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. RHODES,
J. F. WEEKS.

The report discussed by H. L. Rhodes, F. R. Burney, J. R. Nutt, H. M. Whitten, W. A. Taylor and others, and was then adopted.

S. B. Dobbs read the report on Temperance It was adopted after having been discussed by S. B Dobbs, J. T. Sargent, N. B. Wallace and F. R. Burney

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg to submit the following report:

In view of the great importance of the subject and its relations to others interests, of the church and humanity, we deem it that we cannot do better than to submit for our consideration and eucouragement the following extracts from the report on Temperance in the minutes of our last State Convention elsewhere, to-wit:

"Temperance is classed by the Apostle Peter among the progressive Christian graces. In his first Epistle, 1st Chap., 5th to 7th verses, inclusive, he exhorts 'them that have obtained like precious faith' with himself to 'add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity.'

"From Peter's time down through the ages the temperate indulgence in those things that are essential and lawful and abstentation from those that are wrong or hurtful, has been the rule for the personal and individual conduct of enlightened Christians.

But it was not until within the last century and mainly within the last fifty years when the Christian sense and conscience of the world became shocked and aroused by the

ever-increasing tide of intemperance. 'And that Christian men of the South with a freeman's ballot in their hands, began to realize their dual responsibility to God as their brothers keeper. Prohibition and temperance became to them synonymous terms, and the old Pauline doctrine of temperance was extended in its application to the Christian state as well as to the Christian individual."

"And now the great prohibition work seems to be sweeping over the country. In ten months five whole States have banished their saloons. Among them being our own beloved State. Including the three States that were already dry this makes eight States, being about one-sixth of the States of the Union.

"The traffic in intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is inherently wrong, vicious and degrading, whether carried on under the sanction of the civil law or by what are known as 'blind tigers,' in violation of the law. It is with war with all that tends to raise men up to a higher and better life; at war with all that is best and noblest in church, society, government, and the only consistent attitude of the Church and all patriotic citizens toward it is that of perpetual uncompromising hostility. Let unceasing warfare be waged against it everywhere—in church, in the school, in the courts and in the halls of legislature, State and national."

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. DOBBS, *Chairman.*

The report on sustentation was read by J. H. D. Watson and discussed by H. M. Whitten and others A collection was taken for this purpose amounting to $13.20. A collection was also taken for W. A. Edwards amounting to $11.30. The report was adopted.

SUSTENTATION.

We, your committee, believe this department of work is, from various causes, sadly neglected; that we need awakening to a sense of our duty to these old servants of God, their wives and widows who have devoted their talents and best days to the service of God and his people, and thereby sacrificed their time and personal interest for the cause of Christianity, and now worn out and infirm are no longer able to work in the Master's cause they need our sympathy, prayers and substantial aid. We recommend that every

church in our association take a collection at their last meeting each year for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. D. WATSON, *Chairman.*

W. A. Taylor read report on obituaries, after some appropriate remarks by him, was adopted.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report on obituaries:

"It is not all of life to live nor of death to die. If it were so we would be most miserable." In the providence of God, the angel of death has been busy this year in our Association. Last year, 28 were called to their reward; this year, 40. Forty brethren and sisters of the Chester Association have passed over the Jordan of death, but they did not make their perilous voyage alone. Jesus said: "I will go with you all the way." Many have passed over this river exclaming while amid-stream, as the billows of death were foaming about their heads: "Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me." The death of a Christian is sweet. It is nothing less than the gate into the Holy City. The sweetest words of Jesus, "Let not your hearts be troubled, if ye believe in God believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again to receive you unto Myself; that where I am there ye may be also."

Thirty-one of our members are on board
The old Zion ship;
Thirty-one Christians are on the road
As she makes her last trip.

Thirty-one harps of pure gold
Have been brought out;
Thirty-one garments all unrolled
As they begin to shout.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. A. TAYLOR,
N. A. ADAMS,
Committee.

A. B. Roberts, delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, made his report. On motion, his report was re-

ceived, and allowed $25.00 to pay his expenses to said convention.

G. D. Weatherall was then elected as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention; B. C. McGarity, alternate.

The treasurer made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Chester Association:

I beg to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of all the funds coming into my hands since my last report, to-wit:

1907—Oct. 7—Amt. from Fin. Com.—		
Association Purposes	$33.95	
Minutes	42.65	
State Missions	1.00	
Home Missions	22.30	
Foreign Missions	13.86	
Other Objects	.80	
Orphanage	28.25	
Ministerial Education	1.00	
Ministerial Relief	2.20	
Sustentation	29.30	
Bro. Edwards	21.50	
W. J. Crum	17.007	
1907—Oct. 7—By amount paid—		
Bro. Eddleman		$33.95
W. J. Crum		17.00
A. V. Rowe (Mission)		69.66
J. R. Carter (Orphanage)		28.25
Bro. Edwards		21.50
1907—Dec. 30—By Amt. paid—		
Printing Minutes		37.50
Postage and Express		4.00
Clerk		1.95
Total	$213.81	$213.81
1908—Oct. 3—To Amt. still due Clerk		$8.05

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. DOBBS, *Treasurer.*

This October 3d, 1908.

On motion, S. B. Dobbs was allowed $8.05 balance due him for services as clerk. And that the clerk be allowed $10.00 for his services as clerk. A collection was then taken up for this purpose amounting to $5.55. The clerk

was instructed to have 1,000 minutes printed and pro-rated.

The Committee on Digest of Letters made their report, which was adopted.

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We, your committee, on Digest of Letters, wish to submit the following report:

We find represented churches	34
Baptisms during year	288
Contributions for Missions	$45[illegible].18
Ministerial Education	$1.00
Sustentation	$11.00

We, your committee, recommend that the clerks be more careful in filling out their reports to the association. For further information we refer you to the itemized statement herewith submitted.

F. R Burney,
H. L Rhodes,
Committee.

Finance Committee made their report, and was adopted.

Received for Foreign Missions	$18.66
Received for Home Missions	34.61
Received for State Missions	11.75
Received for Orphanage	22.70
Received for Sustentation	13.20
Received Bro. Edwards	11.40
Received Minutes	46.20
Received Associational Purposes	49.03
Total	$207.55

The Committee on Nominations made their report, and was adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to make the following report:

We recommend F. R. Burney to preach the next introductory sermon; N. Q. Adams, Alternate.

We recommend as Executive Committee: E. J. Summers, Charley Weeks and Money Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

B. C. McGarity,
T. A. Hester,
Vester Shelton.

A motion that the Church Letters be read was withdrawn.

The request of the Mathiston Church for aid in rebuilding their house of worship was referred to the Executive Committee to make such recommendations to the State Board as they may think proper.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this association be tendered to the membership of Mt. Moriah Church and community for their kindness shown the delegates and visitors to the association during their stay here.

On motion, the association adjourned.

S. B. DOBBS, *Moderator.*

G. D. WEATHERALL, *Clerk.*

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Ackerman—S. B. Dobbs, H. L. Rhodes, H. L. Carter.

Bethlehem—Sam Dunn, R. A. Groves, W. T. Groves, Joe Weeks.

Blythe's Creek—T. A. Hester, J. P. Brooks, J W. Ward, F. T. Milligan

Beulah—J. M. Black, G. A. Eddleman, E. D. Bowie, J. M. Smith.

Bethany—T. A. Bruce, Austin Jones, Henry Mullens, Travy Jennings.

Bear Creek—W. J. Frazier, R. M. Wade, Dave Jones, R. L. Black, J. H. Ward.

Bluff Springs—H. F. Felder, C. H. Franklin, W. W. Bagville, A. Jones, T. J. Brown, W. P. Peeples.

Clear Springs—J. H. Coleman, J. T. Stephenson, W. P. Orr, R. H. Gregg.

Crape Creek—W. E. Knight, Pat Box, J. C. Pace, Willie Burney.

Center Grove—Jasper Watson, J. F. Douglass, J. T. Ray, J. W. Fulgham.

Cypress—

Double Springs—J. E. Betts, J. L. Neely, Obeth Burton, S. A. Reed.

Ebenezer—J. A. Vaughn, Albert Mitchell, W. F. Burney, Billie Pearson, J. N. Cummins.

Fellowship—J. W. Franklin, J. O. Fondren, W. J. Dobbs, F. M. Jones.

French Camp—J. M. Black, J. A. Wilson, W. A. Taylor.
Fentress—Joe Thompson, C. B. Quinn, J. W. Worrell.
McCurtain's Creek—C. J. Buse, C. C. Sheedy, Will Nail.
Mt. Olivet—J. T. McKee, J. W. Butler, Vester Skelton
Mt. Moriah—
Mt. Pisgah—H. L. Allen, C. A. Brooks, Dilbert Booth.
New Zion—Anderson Montgomery, Alon Neal, Leonard Keen, Walker Hanna.
New Haven—G. D. Weatherall, Robt. Winters, W. W. Nail, O. F. Chamblee.
New Hope—J. R. Yeatman, W. D Seitz, Jim Heflin.
Pleasant Ridge—W. O. Adams, J. T. Crow, G. E. Sanders, J. C. Funderbunk.
Providence—J. H. D. Watson, Jerry McIntire, George Adams, B. E. Watson.
Poplar Creek—W. H. Dyre, Wane Henderson, L. G. Doris.
Ruhama—J. E. Perry, B. C. McGarity, Ebb Medders, W. L. Edwards.
Spring Hill—J. P. Williams, D. H Bradberry, J. S. Southerland, J. W. Kallum.
Sturgis—L. A. Fondren, A. W. Strond, J. E. Phillips.
Sykes' Chapel—
Self Creek—W. E. Fulgham, S. L. Edwards, F. D. Niely, T. M. Butler.
Spring Valley—M. Wooten, Solon Dobbs.
Wake Forest—D. M. Berry, Wm. T Hannah, N A. Adams.
Wood Springs—T. V. Fox, J. P. Collier, Andy McCool.
Longview—Jasper Veazy, Jake Warner, J. D. Hendricks, W. W. Hall, G. B. Pearson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Name of School	Superintendent	Secretary	Kind of Literature	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	No. Baptisms
Ackerman	S. B. Dobbs	W. D. Cole	S. B. C.	5	50	
Bethany	Anston Jones	Tom Melton	Int.	4	67	6
Beulah	J. M. Smith	Shady Black	S. B. C.	3	54	
Bluff Springs	—— Dodd	S. C. Lindsey	"	4	80	3
Blythe Creek	M. Brooks	T. Weeks	"	3	37	4
Bear Creek	R. M. Wade	L. V. Frazier	"	3		
Crape Creek	T. V. Fox		"	4	35	2
Double Springs	J. E. Betts	S. A. Reed	"	4	70	15
French Camp	J. J. Carter	Warren Taylor	"		35	
Fentress	E. J. Summers	F. A. Lummers	"	4	25	
Longview	T. E. Veazey	R. D. Pearson	"	4	38	
Mt. Olivet	J. T. McKee	W. W. Kellum	"	4	45	2
Mt. Pisgah			"	5	44	14
Mt. Moliah	M. L. Harris	A. H. Howard	"	3	30	
New Zion	J. T. Weatherall	G. L. Keene	"	3	23	
Providence	W. L. Miles	Dora Goure	"	3	56	4
Pleasant Ridge	W. R. Buckner	Emma Quinn	"	3	30	2
Spring Valley	D. H. Landrum	Solon Dobbs	"	5	60	23
Sturgis	The Pastor	Mae Kolb	"	3	40	4
Self Creek	W. E. Fulgham	T. L. Ricks	"	4	50	0
			Total	71	869	79

Baptisms		Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	V. Ministers	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Asso. Purposes	Asso. Missions	S. Missions	H. Missions	F. Missions	Other Objects	Orphanage	Ministerial Board	Ministerial Relief	Minutes	Value Church Property	Total
										$82 55		$71 20					$2 50	$70 00	$1491 05
																	$ 00	$ 00	177 50

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12	Ackerman	$400 00	$710 00	$41 00	$142 00	$20 00	$21 80			$82 55		$71 20					$2 50	$70 00	$1491 05
3	Bethlehem	125 00			13 00					9 30		25 35	2 85				2 00	5 00	177 50
7	Blythe's Creek	39 00			8 00	7 00				3 00		4 00		4 00			1 50	6 00	66 50
0	Beulah	150 00			35 45	6 88				4 50	1 50	5 85		2 00			1 50	5 00	207 08
14	Bethany			35 00	5 45	6 19						1 00		3 00			1 00	5 00	51 64
16	Bear Creek	165 00			70 30	3 00					33 45	22 41					3 00	8 00	297 16
4	Bluff Springs	100 00				6 00					6 15	1 05		1 00			1 25	4 00	115 45
0	Clear Springs	10 00			4 55						1 00	1 00		2 00			1 00		19 55
9	Crape Creek				4 00					4 10				70			1 00		9 80
5	Center Grove	35 00	25 00		2 50				25	30	25	25		1 00			85	4 00	65 40
10	Cypress									14 60							1 00		15 60
28	Double Springs	50 00			12 10		18 00		25		2 00	1 00		2 50		1 00	1 50	8 00	88 35
0	Ebenezer			3 50						75				90			1 00	5 00	6 15
	Ennis																1 50	3 00	16 35
6	Fellowship				11 35				1 50			2 00					2 00	17 00	434 10
1	French Camp	200 00			103 10					40 00	12 00	45 00		32 00		10 00	1 50	3 50	236 43
20	Fentress	125 00	50 00		40 00	2 25			1 23			6 45					1 50	1000 00	160 00
0	Long View	150 00				5 00						3 50					75	6 00	10 20
0	McCurtain's Cr'k.										25			9 20			1 00		59 45
4	Mt. Olivet	41 50			10 00				1 00			3 20		2 75				3 50	96 25
14	Mt. Pisgah	75 00		4 00	11 30	3 00			1 35			1 00					60		1 50
	Mt. Moriah																1 50		62 00
16	New Zion				22 20	1 25			65	12 70	7 20	17 00					1 00		45 57
11	New Haven			6 86	11 05		10 25			5 01		11 05					1 35	5 00	68 70
1	New Hope	60 00			5 00				2 45								1 25	5 00	44 90
10	Pleasant Ridge				23 30	3 00			1 00	7 85	8 75						1 00	4 00	22 52
7	Providence										6 16	4 06	2 85	8 20			1 50	2 50	136 50
2	Poplar Creek	100 00			15 00							5 00	15 00				1 00	4 00	111 50
15	Ruhama	50 00			22 00					5 50	23 00	10 00					1 00	7 00	252 50
4	Spring Hill	30 00	200 00		13 00				1 50	1 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	1 00		2 00	15 00	428 70
2	Sturgis	180 00	154 00		42 00	4 00					8 00	8 30	17 00	13 40					
	Sykes' Chapel								1 00	2 00	3 65	1 00		2 00			1 40	6 00	107 70
5	Self Creek	75 00			15 90	5 75			1 00								2 00	1 00	409 00
37	Spring Valley	100 00	300 00			6 00								3 65			1 00		5 05
3	Wake Forest							1 00									1 00	6 50	1 00
0	Wood Springs																		
266		$26050	1439 00	$90 36	$642 95	$79 32	$50 05	$1 00	$13 18	$193 16	$115 36	$252 67	$37 70	$90 30	$1 00	$11 00	$46 20	$219 00	$5323 75

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Postoffice	Clerk	Postoffice	Added by				Lost by				Total Membership
					Baptism	Letterr	Restorat'n	Total	Letter	Expulsion	Death	Total	
Ackerman	J. R. Nutt	Ackerman	W. F. Cole	Ackerman	12	9	1	22	7	5	1	13	149
Bethlehem	J. R. Nutt	Ackerman	E. Snow	Ackerman	3	2		5	1		1	2	122
Bethany	B. E. Watson	Weir	I. L. Busby	Ackerman	14	5		19	4			4	65
Beulah	J. T. Sargent	Ackerman	H. B. Black	McCool		4		4	8		1	9	124
Bluff Springs	J. L. Phelps	Eupora	J. J. Lindsey	Eupora	4	2		6	10		1	11	104
Blythe Creek	N. O. Adams	Sturgis	A. R. Hester	Mathiston	7			7	8		8	16	128
Bear Creek	J. R. Nutt	Ackerman	O. M. Frazier	McCool	16	4		20	15		5	20	282
Crape Creek	F. R. Burney	French Camp	A. L. Erwin	Sibleyton	9	4		13			2	2	77
Cypress	N. B. Wallace	Sturgis	T. A. Kenton	Sturgis	10	11		21	1		1	2	61
Clear Springs	J. D. Burns	Ethel	J. H. Coleman	Chester					1			1	85
Center Grove	Jasper Watson	Maben	T. W. Douglass	Maben	5	3		8					63
Double Springs	Jasper Watson	Maben	J. L. Neely	Maben	28	2		30	5	1	4	10	164
Ebenezer	F. R. Burney	French Camp	Jack Pearson	Elbow		4	1	5	2			2	72
French Camp	J. R. Watt	Ackerman	Warren Taylor	French Camp	1			1					68
Fellowship	T. H. Middleton	Clarkson	J. W. Woodward	Mathiston	6			6	8		3	11	109
Fentress	R. A. Eddleman	Clinton	Joe Thompson	Weir	20	2		22	2			2	84
Longview	J. T. Sargent	Ackerman	R. D. Pearson	Longview		4		4	1			1	82
Mt. Olivet	T. H. Middleton	Mathiston	J. T. McKee	Sturgis	4			4	2			2	59
Mt. Pisgah	James Arnold	Mantee	R. F. Bollis	Mathiston	14	4		18	5		2	7	114
Mt. Moriah	R. A. Eddleman	Clinton	Sam Prewitt	Weir	22	7	2	31	7	1	1	9	121
McCurtain's Creek	R. M. Barrentine	Hemmingway	C. J. Buse	Weir		4		4	6			6	103
New Hope	J. E. Phillips	Sturgis	W. W. Carpenter	Longview	1		3	4	7			7	39
New Zion	R. A. Eddleman	Clinton	B. Burford	Weir	16	2	1	19	1		3	4	141
New Haven	R. A. Eddleman	Clinton	J. A. Chamblee	Weir	11	3		14	5	2	1	8	208
Providence	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	S. D. McCarty	Chester	7	3		10	1		1	2	153
Poplar Creek	J. H. D. Watson	Weir	L. J. Booth	Sibleyton	2	2		4	3	1	1	5	100
Pleasant Ridge	N. B. Wallace	Lakafoma	J. L. Crow	Sturgis	10	6		16	4		1	5	68
Spring Valley	Luther Phelps	Eupora	J. A. Ricks	Mathiston	37	20		57	2			2	112
Spring Hill	N. O. Adams	Sturgis	J. W. Kellum	Ackerman	4	3		7	3		2	5	144
Sturgis	J. E. Phillips	Sturgis	Addie Stroud	Sturgis	2	5		7	5			5	52
Ruhama	J. R. Nutt	Ackerman	J. R. W. Foster	Chester	15	4		19	5	1		6	
Self Creek	J. E. Phillips	Ackerman	C. Y. Scroggins	Starksville	5	6		11	1			1	128
Wake Forest	W. J. Hobbs	Mathiston	N. A. Adams	Sturgis	3			3	1		2	3	61
Wood Spring	R. M. Barrentine	Hemmingway	J. W. Nail	Weir					4			4	97
					288	125	8	421	135	11	41	187	3539